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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to asses the progress of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Scheme to provide quality education to all, particularly weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the achievements made in the country including Rajasthan, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal(MDM) programme are being reviewed on on-going basis through monthly returns & quarterly progress reports. In addition 41 independent monitoring institutions submit six monthly reports on performance of these programmes. Under SSA independent studies have been commissioned which include interalia, study on out of school children, National evaluation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) programme, study on student & teacher absence and National Pupil Achievement Surveys. The latest biannual Joint Review Mission (JRM), the 7th JRM of SSA held in January 2008 has found the overall performance of States/UTs under SSA, satisfactory.

All children in the 6-14 age group in the country have been brought in the ambit of elementary education except 75.97 lakh out-of-school children (as on 31.03.2007), who represent the difficult to reach category.
State-wise enrolment for the years 2001-02 & 2004- 05 are in Annexure.